

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Parks and Recreation

At its meeting held May 18, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"Youth sports programs have traditionally been valuable recreational activities for young residents of Los Angeles County. Not only do they offer an opportunity for kids of all ages to learn new physical, social, and mental skills, but youth sports also serves as a deterrent to crime. However, as schools have reduced funding for extracurricular activities such as sports programs, the need for affordable youth sports alternatives has increased. At the same time, we would like to encourage a parent's participation with their kids. Golf is one of those activities that you can enjoy regardless of your age or skill level.

"Last year, for the fourth time, we hosted Junior Golfer's Appreciation Month in July. It was reported that over 3,000 kids took advantage of the reduced rates last summer. It also increased play at these courses because they had to play with a full paying adult. The result was a win – win situation for golfers and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The efforts and programs catered to juniors take time to prepare and get the word out on this program. By introducing it in May, we hope that it will again increase the number of youth that take advantage of this outstanding program."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

- 1. Declared July 2004 as "Junior Golfers Appreciation Month;"
- 2. Instructed the Director of Parks and Recreation to:
 - Create a program for the month of July 2004 at all County Golf Courses that will establish and promote a program for Junior Golfers, 18 and under, to play for \$1 with every full paying adult or senior after the twilight hour rate begins; and
 - Direct each golf course to hold a "Free Special Skills Day" with free lessons, golf skills challenge contests, and other programs such as golf course etiquette that will help improve and promote junior golf.

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